

# SARA EDITH PADUA

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## EXPERIENCE

PADUA LAW FIRM, PLLC, Houston, TX

*Partner* (October 2014-present)

- Advise entrepreneurs, companies and investors on myriad corporate and financing transactions across industries
- Represent foreign entrepreneurs and victims on various immigration matters, including political asylum, T visas and Investor Visas
- Civil Litigation including commercial disputes, premises liability, personal injury, and eminent domain
- Represent purchasers and sellers in cross-border asset and corporate acquisitions
- Advocate for clients in numerous mediations and negotiations to obtain favorable dispute resolution outcomes

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP, Houston, TX

*Associate* (2011- 2014), *Summer Associate* (2010)

- Represent public and private clients in a variety of transactions including joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, and debt and equity financings in the energy industry
- Serve on diversity and hiring committees
- Represent pro bono clients with 501(c)(3) matters, T-Visas, U Visas and political asylum matters

SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP, New York, NY

*Pro Bono Specialist*, (2006- 2008)

- Assist Pro Bono Counsel and Director in the administration and development of the firm's global pro bono efforts by staffing, training, coordinating, and liaising with attorneys and organizations including HRF and SFF
- Provide legal assistance and research to attorneys with a focus on political asylum, rule of law, and VAWA
- Coordinate and assist the firm's participation in the Riker's Prisoners' Rights Project with the Legal Aid Society
- Draft memoranda and reports for the firm's Pro Bono Counsel and Director
- Serve as interpreter for Spanish and French-speaking pro bono clients and translate written documents to/from English, Spanish, & French

## EDUCATION

MANOUSSO MEDIATION TRAINING & ADR SERVICES in Houston, Texas.

- Forty (40) hours of Basic Mediation Training, designed to satisfy and exceed the interactive requirements and professional training required to mediate any and all civil cases. Skill training included transformative mediation and problem-solving. (2016)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, TX

J.D., 2011

GPA: 3.60

- Member of *TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL*
- Founder of Law Students for the Arts
- Member of Chicano/Hispanic Law Students Association
- Recipient of the Dean's Achievement Award

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA

A.B. in Psychology, 2006

GPA: 3.60

- Writer for Diversity and Distinction Magazine
- Member of Fuerza Latina and Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business

## LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish (native) and French; Beginner in Arabic (Standard Modern variety)